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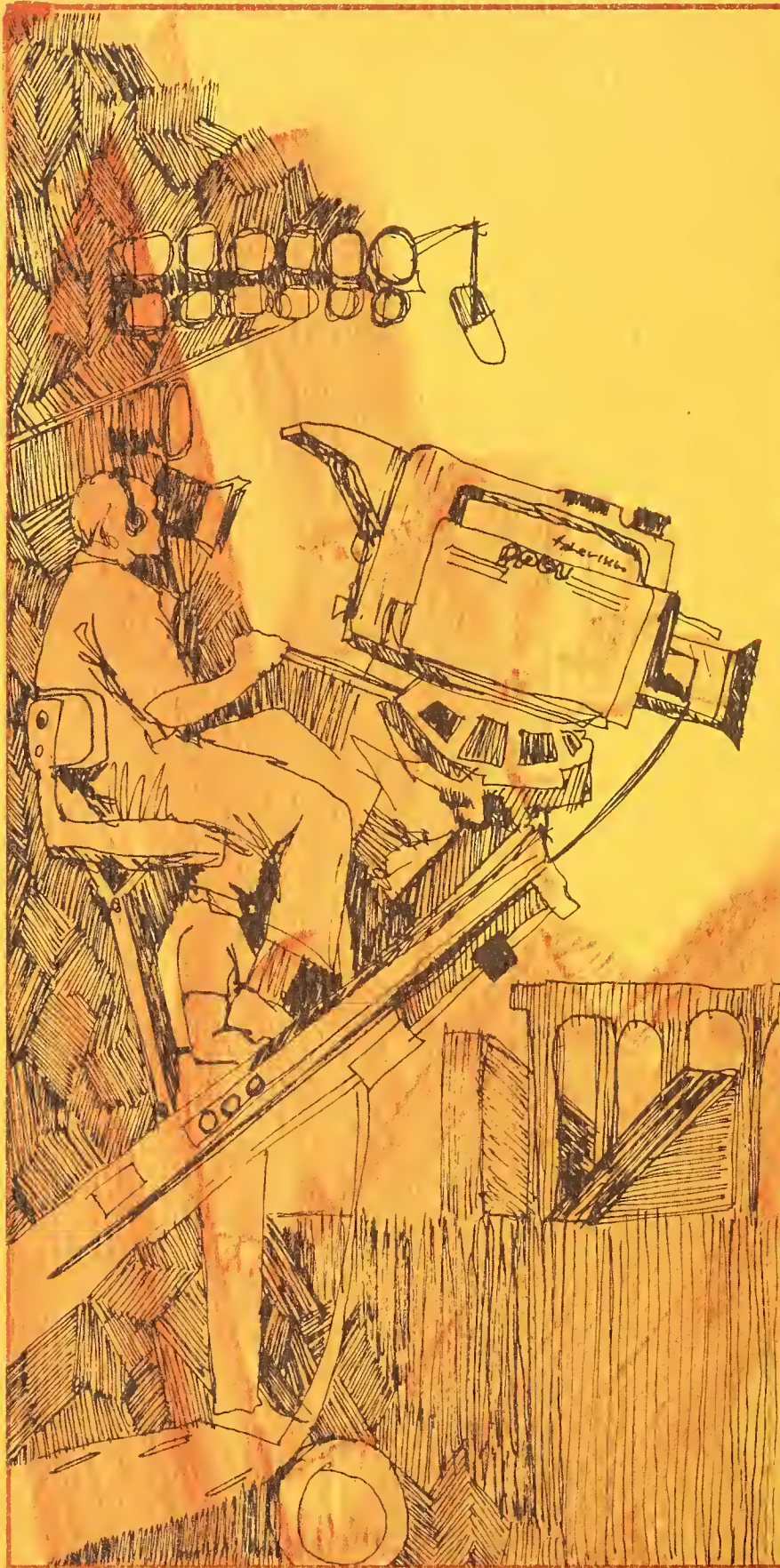
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ANNOUNCING THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC
TELEVISION NETWORK

... providing for the simultaneous exchange of quality
programs between the Commonwealth's existing public
television stations and for state-wide coverage of major
public affairs and cultural events.





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An interim network service, in operation as of May first, operates on a limited eight-hour per day schedule, seven days a week. Plans call for a permanent full-time system to be in operation by July, of 1970.

The PPTN program schedule features programs produced by individual stations in Pennsylvania — through a sharing of existing productions, and by creating new programs on matters of interest and concern in the Commonwealth.

The network system also makes it possible for all stations to participate fully in regional and national network programming, in many cases for the first time.

Formal instruction by television will also continue to grow through cooperation of the network, the Department of Public Instruction, and individual stations.

The PPTN program schedule is cooperatively arranged by the stations of the network, with each station retaining authority and responsibility for determining which available programs it will carry.

In addition to providing interconnected network service to the Commonwealth's public television stations, the Network Commission is providing technical equipment to the stations so they can participate more fully in the available color programming and other special offerings of the network. Funds are also available to help finance production, by individual stations, of programs for broadcast throughout the Commonwealth. The Commission is helping to strengthen stations locally, as well as through network programming.

The PPTN is a major function of the Pennsylvania Public Television Network Commission, created by an Act of the Pennsylvania General Assembly passed in 1968.

The Commission's powers and duties, designated by law, include:

1. To assist, develop and support a statewide policy to encourage the growth and development of a dynamic, free and effective public television service.
2. To make grants to public television stations serving Pennsylvania to aid in the improvement of their broadcast operations, programming, and capital facilities.
3. To establish, and develop, and operate, on behalf of the Commonwealth, a public television network system interconnecting all noncommercial television stations serving Pennsylvania.
4. To insure the diversity of programming to allow for freedom, imagination, objectivity and initiative on both the State and local level, and to insure that the networks shall not be misused for political or other propaganda purposes contrary to the Federal Constitution or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
5. To apply for, receive and distribute Federal funds, State funds and public or private funds from any source whatsoever, and to serve as a coordination agency in connection with those funds which are available through the Federal Public Broadcasting Act of 1967 and other Federal legislation now or hereinafter enacted.

6. To enter into contracts, leases and other arrangements to own and operate interconnection and switching facilities and equipment pertinent to a statewide network, and to apply to the Federal Communications Commission and other Federal agencies for such licenses necessary to operate and maintain such a network.
7. To contract with or make plans with other agencies or individuals to program productions and otherwise to procure educational and public television programs for distribution to the noncommercial educational television network.
8. To conduct research, demonstration and training activities in matters relating to noncommercial educational and public television broadcasting.
9. To establish and maintain a library and archives for programs and related materials, and to develop and promote public awareness of and disseminate information concerning noncommercial educational and public television.
10. To do all things necessary and proper to effectuate the provisions of this act which are not inconsistent with law, and to promulgate rules and regulations relative thereto.

Interim network offices are located in Hershey, in space provided by WITF-TV, and the network operations center is at WHYY in Philadelphia. When the permanent network system is completed in 1970, the offices and operations center will move to another location within the Harrisburg area. Office: Pennsylvania Public Television Network, P.O. Box 397, Hershey, Pennsylvania 17033
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PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC TELEVISION STATIONS

WLVT-TV	Channel 39	Allentown/Bethlehem	WVIA-TV	Channel 44	Scranton/Wilkes-Barre
WQLN	Channel 54	Erie	WQED	Channel 13	Pittsburgh
WITF-TV	Channel 33	Hershey	WQEX	Channel 16	Pittsburgh
WHYY	Channel 12	Philadelphia	WPSX-TV	Channel 3	University Park
WUHY	Channel 35	Philadelphia			

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